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Commission's Secretary,
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Federal Communications Commissioners,

I am writing to urge your commission not to impose a cap on the amount of support that eligible telecommunications carriers may receive from the Federal Universal Service Fund, as recommended to the Commission by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. In many rural areas, like my Legislative District, these disbursements are necessary for companies to be able to provide the best possible service for cellular customers in these areas. The use of cellular telephones is outpacing the use of land-line phones in this area, and therefore, it would be detrimental to my district for these disbursements to be capped.

I have received numerous contacts from residents of my Legislative District expressing their displeasure with the proposed cap. Many citizens have come together to work long and hard to get the local cellular phone company, Alltel, to provide more towers and better service in southeast Nebraska. There are plans to build four new towers in this area in the near future. This could not have been accomplished without the Universal Service disbursements.

Please consider rural residents when you look at the proposed cap on eligible telecommunications carriers that provide cellular service to this population. They desperately need quality service in the rural areas in which they live.

Sincerely,

Lavon Heidemann